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## Environmental Health Perspectives

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*Environmental Health Perspectives (EHP)* is published with support from the U.S. National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) as a fully independent peer-reviewed scientific journal. *EHP* serves as a forum for the discussion of the interrelationships between the environment and human health by publishing high-quality research and news of the field.

*EHP* supports global environmental health research through its policy of open access and commitment to dissemination of research and information to the developing world. In 2013 36% of papers accepted for publication in *EHP* were from corresponding authors residing outside the United States.



**2014 Impact Factor: 7.98**

- Ranked 2nd of 87 journals in Toxicology
- Ranked 3rd of 162 journals in Public, Environmental and Occupational Health
- Ranked 4th of 221 journals in Environmental Sciences

Published since 1972, *EHP* has been online-only since January 2013. *EHP* is open access, and all content is available for free online. Recent content is available at <http://www.ehponline.org/>, and archival content is available via PubMed Central at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/253/>.

## EHP Research

*EHP* publishes articles from a wide range of scientific disciplines encompassing basic research, human studies, and *in vitro* and *in vivo* research with a clear relationship to human health effects.

Highly represented research areas include epidemiology, toxicology, exposure science, risk assessment, public health, and climate change. In addition, each issue includes a section devoted to children's health research, and each year the October issue focuses on children's health. *EHP* also addresses ethical, legal, social, and policy issues. Studies dealing with ecological issues or effects on wildlife populations are welcome when the relevance of their findings to human health is evident.

*EHP* publishes occasional special reports, collections, and proceedings, which are available at <http://www.ehponline.org/collections> (except where noted):

- *A Human Health Perspective on Climate Change: A Report Outlining the Research Needs on the Human Health Effects of Climate Change* (2010). Available at [http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/programs/geh/climatechange/health\\_impacts/index.cfm](http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/programs/geh/climatechange/health_impacts/index.cfm)
- *EHP Children's Health Collection* (published annually)
- *EHP Bisphenol A (BPA) Collection 2007–2011*
- *Abstracts of the Conference of the International Society of Environmental Epidemiology, the International Society of Exposure Science, and the International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate* (2013)
- *Abstracts of the CEHN Conference on the Contribution of Epigenetics in Pediatric Environmental Health* (2012)
- *Abstracts of the 23rd Annual Conference of the International Society of Environmental Epidemiology* (2011)

## EHP News

News Editor: Susan M. Booker

*EHP* News offers groundbreaking reporting on environmental health issues targeted toward multidisciplinary investigators and interested nonscientists. Topics are vetted by the *EHP* News Committee, made up of scientists, policy specialists, and editors from throughout the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. All articles are reviewed by multiple subject-matter experts.

*EHP* News articles comprise a variety of formats:

- **Focus:** Feature articles of 2,500–3,500 words explore environmental health topics in depth.
- **Spheres of Influence:** Feature articles of 1,500–2,500 words on policy or legislative topics.
- **Innovations:** Feature articles of 1,500–2,500 words on innovative technologies or methods.
- **Science Selections:** Summaries of 700 words synthesizing *EHP* Research Articles, Commentaries, and Reviews from the concurrent issue.

Science Selections articles offer an avenue by which authors publishing in *EHP* can garner greater awareness of their work. Research articles are chosen for coverage as Science Selections on the basis of their novelty or impact in the field of environmental health, the public health importance of their findings, and/or their relevance to a wide audience.

## EHP Online

Web Editor: Dorothy L. Ritter

### EHP WEBSITE

As a leader in open-access scientific publishing, the *EHP* website at <http://www.ehponline.org/> offers full, free access to both the English and Chinese editions of the journal.

*EHP* is visited by readers from more than 225 countries. More than two-thirds of the visitors to *EHP*'s website in the past year were there for the first time.

### SOCIAL MEDIA



*EHP* uses social media to keep readers up to date on new content as well as *EHP* appearances at meetings and news items of interest to the environmental health community. Follow us on Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/EHPonline>) and Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/EHPonline>).



### PODCASTS

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## EHP Manuscript Submission and Review Process

### ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

*EHP* uses the Manuscript Central web-based manuscript submission and tracking system. Authors may track the progress of submitted manuscripts by logging in to the Manuscript Central Author Center.

### ARTICLE TYPES

**Correspondence** ( $\leq 750$  words) addresses specific scientific issues or questions raised by Research or News Articles published in the journal within the preceding 6 months.

**Commentaries** ( $\leq 5,000$  words) present information and personal insight on a particular environmental health science topic. *EHP* reserves the right to propose that Commentaries be reviewed as one side of a point/counterpoint debate. Manuscripts on ethical, legal, social, or policy issues also may be accepted in this category.

**Research Articles** ( $\leq 7,000$  words) report original scientific research and discovery from any field relevant to the study of human health and the environment.

**Substantive Reviews** ( $\leq 10,000$  words) provide an overview, integration of information, and critical analysis of a particular field of research or theme related to environmental health sciences.

**Quantitative Reviews and Meta-Analyses** ( $\leq 10,000$  words) present, contrast, and (when appropriate) combine data across studies to address a specific study question related to environmental health science.

**Reviews Based on Meetings or Conferences** ( $\leq 10,000$  words) review the state of the science for a particular area, identify research gaps and needs, and explain how the outcome of the meeting or conference addresses those gaps and needs.

### INITIAL REVIEW

Papers submitted to the journal undergo initial review by editors and consultants to determine whether the paper should undergo peer review. This determination is based on the paper's relevance to environmental health science and human health specifically, its originality and potential to contribute new or important information to the field, the use of appropriate methods, interpretation and conclusions consistent with the data presented, and clarity of presentation.

- Just over one-third of all papers submitted to *EHP* are selected for peer review.
- Authors of papers that are not selected for peer review are notified within 1–14 days (median 7 days from the date of submission).

### PEER REVIEW

Papers selected for peer review are assigned to members of *EHP*'s Board of Associate Editors, who identify potential reviewers, supervise the review process, and make recommendations to the Editor-in-Chief regarding revisions, rejection, or acceptance.

*EHP*'s Editorial Review Board serves as a pool of potential reviewers, but outside reviewers are often involved in the review of each paper as well. Both the Board of Associate Editors and the Editorial Review Board are composed of leading scientists from all segments of the environmental health sciences, including academia, industry, advocacy groups, and nonprofit organizations.

- The overall acceptance rate for papers submitted to *EHP* is approximately 13%. However, almost half of all papers selected for peer review are accepted for publication.
- The average time from submission to final decision is 33 days for all papers and 89 days for papers that are peer reviewed. Papers that are published in *EHP* usually complete 1–3 rounds of peer review before they are accepted.

## Publication in *EHP*

### PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE

Papers recommended for acceptance by an Associate Editor undergo final internal review by *EHP* editors. After the internal review is completed, authors are notified that their paper has been provisionally accepted pending their response to any requests for clarification, editorial suggestions, or formatting corrections (if needed, based on the final review). Authors are also asked to complete their own review of the paper and confirm it is ready for Advance Publication.

### PRESS RELEASES

*EHP* staff work closely with authors' institutions to establish embargo dates to optimize press coverage of important new research. Authors who wish to make their papers available to media prior to online publication should contact the *EHP* News Editor when they receive their provisional acceptance notice.

### ADVANCE PUBLICATION

Papers accepted for publication are published online within 3 working days unless authors request otherwise. Advance Publication articles are cited in PubMed within 2–3 days of online publication and are available in PDF format at <http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/pub/ap/>.

### FINAL PUBLICATION

Before final online publication, articles undergo careful copyediting and formatting. Authors will have an opportunity to review page proofs prior to final publication.

### FEES

There are no fees for submitting to or publishing in *EHP*.

### COMPETING INTERESTS

*EHP* has a policy of full disclosure concerning competing financial and nonfinancial interests. Authors of Research Articles, Commentaries, Reviews, Correspondence, and Editorials must disclose potential competing interests, as described in *EHP*'s Instructions to Authors (<http://www.ehponline.org/instructions-to-authors>). For each manuscript, the corresponding author must submit a declaration of competing interests on behalf of all the authors. A statement of disclosure also must be submitted with the manuscript. A brief disclaimer describing the competing interest or a declaration of no competing interest is published in the Acknowledgments section of each article.

### SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY

*EHP* requires assurances that animals used in studies have been treated humanely and with regard for the alleviation of suffering. Research involving humans must have been conducted according to the Common Rule (<http://ori.dhhs.gov/education/products/ucla/chapter2/page04b.htm>). Research involving human subjects also must be approved by an appropriate institutional review board and comply with all relevant national, state, and local regulations. Research that is exempt from U.S. federal regulations must be performed in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki (<http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/>).

*EHP* is sometimes confronted with issues regarding potential research misconduct. Instances of documented plagiarism and allegations of research misconduct will be brought to the attention of the authors' host institutions. Papers selected for peer review are evaluated for evidence of plagiarism using iThenticate before they are sent to Associate Editors.

For additional information on manuscript submission, review, and publication see *EHP*'s Instructions to Authors at <http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/instructions-to-authors>.

## EHP International Program

Manager: Hui Hu

Through its International Program (<http://www.ehponline.org/international>), *EHP* seeks to expand the quality of and access to scientific information around the world.

### EHP CHINESE EDITION

*EHP Chinese Edition* offers selected *EHP* content translated into Chinese. The Chinese-language edition premiered in 2001 as a quarterly publication. In 2004 *EHP* teamed up with the Shanghai Municipal Center for Disease Control and Prevention to distribute print issues of *EHP Chinese Edition* to some 30,000 subscribers in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. *EHP Chinese Edition* is now published bimonthly in print and online.

The bulk of *EHP Chinese Edition* is made up of News articles first published in the English

edition of *EHP*. Each issue also includes original or reprinted Editorials, Research abstracts from past issues of *EHP*, and occasional Commentaries and Reviews. *EHP Chinese Edition* is available online at <http://www.ehponline.org/ehpce>.

### JOURNAL PARTNERSHIPS

*EHP*'s international journal partnerships foster scientific exchange and further the shared scientific goals and missions of each partner through wider dissemination of scientific information to new audiences.

*Journal of Environmental and Occupational Medicine*—The *Journal of Environmental and Occupational Medicine* is a bimonthly journal published in Chinese by the Shanghai Municipal Center for Disease Control and Prevention, China. The journal is indexed by multiple international indexing services.





**Ciência & Saúde Coletiva**—*Ciência & Saúde Coletiva* is a quarterly public health journal published in Portuguese by the Brazilian Association of Public Health and indexed in MEDLINE.

**Ciencia y Trabajo**—*Ciencia y Trabajo* is a regional Latin American occupational and environmental health journal published in Spanish by the Chilean Security Association. Each quarterly edition of *Ciencia y Trabajo* includes translated EHP News articles. EHP and *Ciencia y Trabajo* provide reciprocal links on their websites.

**Salud Pública de México**—*Salud Pública de México* is a peer-reviewed public health journal published bimonthly in Spanish by the National Institute of Public Health, Mexico. It is indexed in Current Contents/Social and Behavioral Sciences, Social Sciences Citation Index, and other Mexican index services. *Salud Pública de México* publishes translated EHP News articles.

**Mali Médical**—*Mali Médical* is a quarterly medical journal published in French by the Medical Society of Mali. EHP hosts the *Mali Médical* website at <http://www.malimedical.org/>. The partnership between *Mali Médical* and EHP is a result of the African Journal Partnership Project, a multinational initiative that focuses on journal capacity building in Africa.

**Annales Africaines de Médecine**—*Annales Africaines de Médecine* is a quarterly medical journal published in French by the University of Kinshasa Faculty of Medicine. The partnership between *Annales Africaines de Médecine* and EHP is a result of the African Journal Partnership Project, a multinational initiative that focuses on journal capacity building in Africa.

**Environnement, Risques et Santé**—*Environnement, Risques et Santé* is a bimonthly cross-disciplinary journal published in French by John Libbey Eurotext. The journal publishes articles on health issues relevant to climatology, toxicology, epidemiology, biophysics, earth and water sciences, and radiation, from identifying health risks to examining legislation and standards.

#### TRANSLATED CONTENT

To help EHP fulfill its mission of disseminating scientific information not only to scientists but also to policy makers and an informed lay public, Spanish, French, and Japanese translations of selected Research and News articles are available on Scribd at <http://www.scribd.com/ehponline>.

